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Subject: RE: 1st News Story RE: For immediate release: RADIOACTIVE WASTE CONFIRMED IN HOME AND BUSINESS

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Bridgeton residents allege that radioactive waste found in home came from West Lake Landfill

By ELI CHEN • 6 MINUTES AGO

Residents in Bridgeton, Mo., have filed a lawsuit this afternoon in the St. Louis County Circuit

Court, alleging that radioactive waste was found at a home near the West Lake Landfill.

The lawsuit names nine companies, including landfill owner Republic Services, the Cotter Corporation and Mallinckrodt Inc. The plaintiffs are Michael and Robbin Dailey, who live in the Spanish Lake community. According to the lawsuit, a test conducted at their property found that the waste contains "high level of uranium decay products, including thorium, lead, radon."

It also mentioned that dust inside their home contained levels of the radioactive element Thorium-230 that were at least 200 times higher than background levels.

The West Lake Landfill, a federally listed Superfund site, contains World War II-era nuclear waste that was illegally dumped there in the 1970s. It sits approximately 600 feet from an underground smoldering fire under the Bridgeton Landfill.

"The Environmental Protection Agency has not received any new data regarding any migration off-site of radiologically impacted material from the West Lake Landfill," EPA spokesperson Angela Brees said in an email. "As we have previously stated, if individuals have new scientifically valid data that we could evaluate they should share that with EPA. The protection of human health and the environment remains EPA's highest priority at the West Lake site and all current, scientifically valid, data available to EPA demonstrate no off-site health risk to residents or employees in the local area."

Area activists have long pressed for a voluntary buyout for residents living near the landfill. A press release from activist group Just Moms STL has called on the EPA and Gov. Jay Nixon to relocate families immediately.

"We have not seen the suit, or any scientific data to support its foundation," said Russ Knocke, spokesperson for Republic Services. "For years, federal regulators, state officials and third-party experts have been clear that the Landfill is safe. There has been no evidence that supports a claim for off-site contamination. The Landfill remains in a managed state."

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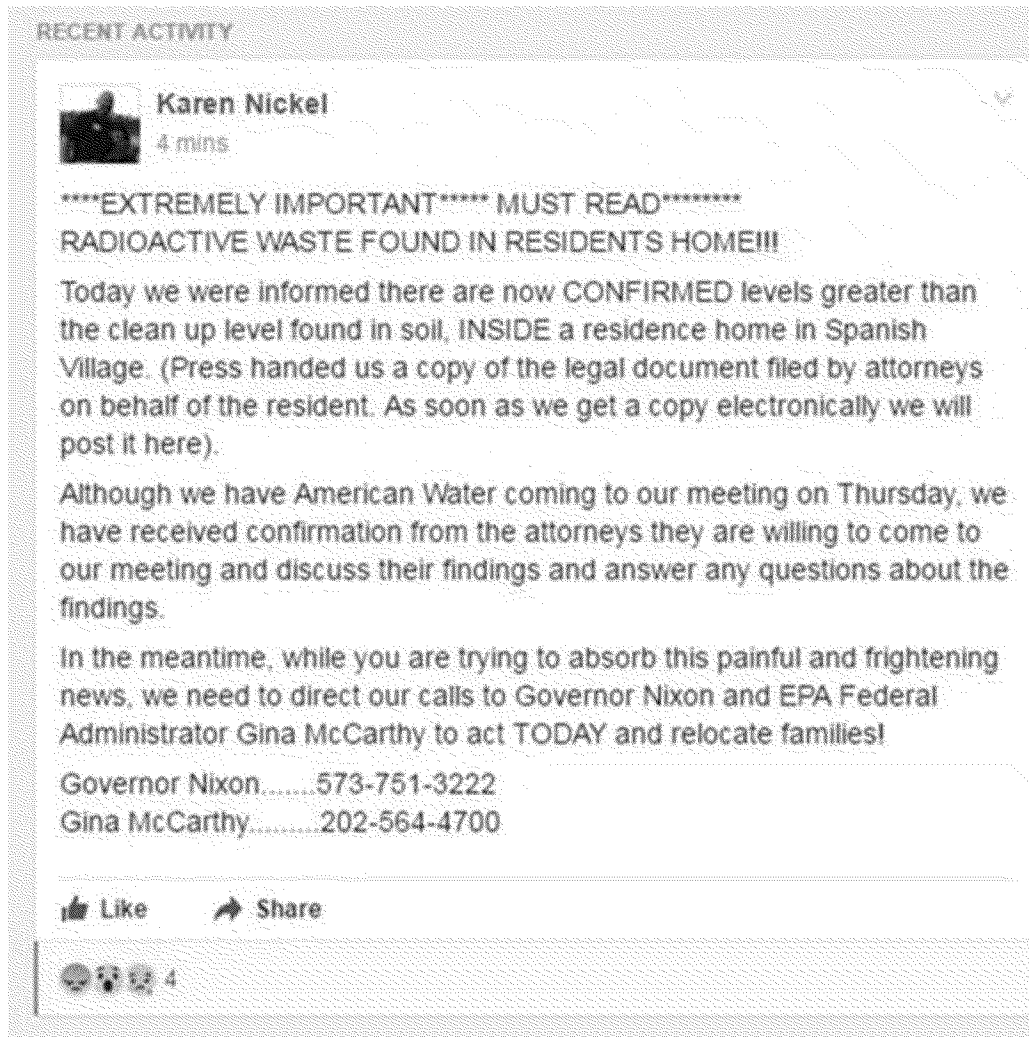
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FYSA: Social Media post from one of the authors of the release:



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FYI,

We've received three news inquiries about the attached news release from Just Moms STL. Just Moms STL has not provided any information or data to support the release.

Here's our desk statement:

Desk Statement:

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The protection of human health and the environment remains EPA's highest priority at the West Lake site and all current, scientifically valid, data available to EPA demonstrate no off-site health risk to residents or employees in the local area.

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Hi Ben,

I hope you've been well. I'm looking for a comment, either written or on tape, about these claims that radioactive waste is present in a home and business located near the West Lake Landfill. You can reach me at 314.516.7480.

We plan to air a story this afternoon starting at 3pm. The online story will be going up in a few

minutes and we will note that the story will be updated.

Best,

Eli

From: Westlakemoms [<mailto:westlakemoms@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 12:18 PM

To: Karen Nickel

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RADIOACTIVE WASTE CONFIRMED INSIDE FAMILY HOME AND BUSINESS SURROUNDING WEST LAKE LANDFILL

St. Louis, MO – Radioactive waste tied to the Manhattan Project has been found inside a family home in the Spanish Village neighborhood and at a nearby business. The neighborhood and business are both located near the West Lake Landfill, which houses radioactive waste dating back to World War II. This discovery is yet another piece of evidence validating the need for relocation of families within one mile of the landfill.

Karen Nickel with Just Moms STL says, “Allowing people to live inside of homes that are contaminated with the world’s oldest nuclear weapons waste is unacceptable and extremely irresponsible.”

For over five years, the community has endured breathing in toxic fumes from the underground fire at the landfill and there's no clear end in sight. The Missouri Attorney General indicates a Chernobyl-like event could occur if/when the underground fire collides with the Manhattan Project waste. The schools in the area are on alert for a shelter-in-place event and have asked parents to stock-pile their children's medication at school in the event they cannot be released.

There is a higher than normal incidence of brain cancer in children under 17 in areas around the West Lake Landfill. Families are sick with bloody noses, asthma, and other respiratory illness and often keep children indoors because the toxic odors are so bad.

Just Moms STL is calling on EPA Federal Administrator Gina McCarthy to use her power under CERCLA and Governor Jay Nixon to relocate families today.

Community Meeting hosted by Just Moms STL this Thursday, November 17th at 6:30pm.

John Calvin Presbyterian Church

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